

REMARKS

This is a response to the office action issued Feb. 10, 2006. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-10 and 12-20 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross in view of Harris. Claims 1,4, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Herle et al. in view of Harris. Claims 13, 14 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiwa et al. in view of Harris.

In the pending action, the examiner rejects the claims as obvious over various combinations of Ross, Harris, Herle et al. and Kaiwa et al. as stated above. The newly cited Harris reference does not overcome the shortcomings of the other previously cited references because it does not teach a system in which a user activates a handset to send a message to a telephone service provider who blocks location determination of the handset. The applicant's prior submissions outline the shortcomings of the other references.

For the above reasons, the examiner will find that the pending claims are now allowable. The examiner is

respectfully requested to place the case in condition for allowance at her earliest convenience.



Respectfully submitted

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